

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Robert Adams upon being named the 2016 Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Robert Adams, who was recently named the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce 2016 Business Person of the Year. Mr. Adams will be honored at the Chamber of Commerce's Business at its Best celebration on January 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Robert Adams serves as the Chairman of the Board of National HealthCare Corporation (NHC), a position he has held since 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams honorably served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971; after completing his military service, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in 1973, and completed coursework in medical technology from Vanderbilt University that same year; and

WHEREAS, Robert Adams's career in the healthcare industry spans more than four decades and includes serving as a medical technologist at Vanderbilt University Hospital and as a bookkeeper, administrative assistant, and administrator at Murfreesboro Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, hired by the NHC in 1978, he has held several senior level positions within the company, including regional administrator, senior vice president, chief operations officer,

and president. Mr. Adams served as chief executive officer of NHC from 2004 until his retirement in December 2016, and currently serves as board chair; and

WHEREAS, under Robert Adams's leadership, NHC has expanded to include 150 operations in ten states, providing thousands of jobs in Tennessee and across the nation, and in 2014, NHC was recognized by *Forbes Magazine* as one of the 100 Most Trustworthy Companies in America; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his community, Robert Adams has served as a member of the Murfreesboro Bank and Trust Advisory Board, the Commissioner Committee on Skilled Nursing Care in Tennessee, the Rutherford County Multiple Sclerosis Committee, the Middle Tennessee Medical Center Foundation, and the MTSU Foundation Board; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Adams received the Exemplary Award from MTSU's Jones College of Business in 2000, and he was named a Nashville Health Care Hero in 2015, the Liz Rhea Philanthropist of the Year in 2013, and an Esteemed Eagle Scout in 2015. He also received *Nashville Business Journal's* Impact Award for three consecutive years in 2013, 2014, and 2015; and

WHEREAS, Robert Adams epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his notable accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of forty-eight years, Susanne Ryan Adams; their three children, Sonya Adams Leeman, Jessica Adams Winfree, and Robbie Adams Stewart; and their eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Robert Adams for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in Rutherford County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and honor Robert Adams upon being named the

2016 Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year, and extend our best wishes to him for continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.